

A woman wearing a yellow dress with a red and white pattern and a headscarf is speaking to a group of people in a wooden room. She has her hands outstretched. The room has wooden walls and a corrugated metal ceiling. Other people are seated around her, some wearing soccer jerseys. The text 'ZEROTOLERANCEINITIATIVE' is overlaid on the image.

ZEROTOLERANCEINITIATIVE

Human rights and environmental defenders from 16 countries have gathered in Geneva at the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights to call for an end to human rights abuses in global commodity production and trade. Hear their stories, and find out more about the Zero Tolerance Initiative:

Zero Tolerance Initiative: briefing for press and NGOs

Tuesday November 26th, 19:00 - 20:30

La Maison Internationale des Associations,

Salle Zazi Sadou, Rue des Savoises 15, 1205 Genève

Find out more and watch online:

zerotoleranceinitiative.org/events

Human rights defenders will also be speaking at the following UN Forum sessions:

Voices from the ground

Monday November 25th, 09:00 - 10:15

Room XIX, Palais des Nations

Setting the scene for the 2019 Forum, this session will bring together human rights defenders and community representatives from all regions, who will speak frankly about their stories and experiences of working to improve business respect for human rights in their countries, as well as the attacks they are under as a result of doing so.

Find out more: <https://sched.co/U97a>

Prevention is better than cure: exploring the best strategies by states to decrease the likelihood of attacks on defenders

Tuesday November 26th, 15:00 – 18:00

Room XX, Palais des Nations

An open dialogue is much needed about how to move towards a preventative approach to the protection of defenders. This in-depth session will draw on the perspectives of defenders and affected rights holders to focus on the role that civil society, intergovernmental bodies and businesses can play to strengthen and supplement state-based mechanisms.

Find out more: <https://sched.co/U9EK>

Ensuring access to remedy when indigenous peoples' rights are harmed: trends, challenges, ways forward

Wednesday November 27th, 13:30 - 14:45

Room XXII, Palais des Nations

Governments can be catalysts for business' respect for human rights. This session will focus specifically on the actions and inactions of state bodies to enable, promote or enforce access to remedy, through both judicial and non-judicial mechanisms. It will include discussion of the underlying drivers of the violation of indigenous rights in order to better understand some of the barriers to remedy.

Find out more: <https://sched.co/U9GO>

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